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of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the Year ended 31st December,

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1940.

Health Department,
Town Hall,
Hessle.

July, 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Haltemprice.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report for the year 1940, upon the Health and Sanitary conditions of Haltemprice, in accordance with the instructions and requirements of the Ministry of Health Circular 2314 (England).

In this Circular the Ministry suggests that the Report should be materially shortened and directed principally towards the careful preservation of all records and statistics, and should include a note of all important alterations and developments.

1.—STATISTICS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(a)	Area in acres	9,026
(b)	Registrar General's estimation of resident population in middle of 1940	31,970
(c)	Number of inhabited houses (end of 1940) according to the Rate Book (estimated).	9,981
(d)	Rateable value (end of 1940)....	£189,171
(e)	Sum represented by a penny rate (estimated)	£788

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Live Births numbered 532, being :—

	Males.	Females.
Legitimate	254	263
Illegitimate	7	8

This gives an Annual Birth Rate of 16.3 compared with 19 for 1939, and 14.6 for the whole of England and Wales for 1940.

Still Births numbered 18—ten being males and eight females—one illegitimate.

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births being 33.3.

Deaths numbered 296 (previous year 335)—167 being males and 128 females—giving an Annual Death Rate of 9 for the year, compared with 11.2 for the year 1939 and 14.3 for the whole of England and Wales for 1940. The corrected Death Rate is 10.02—practically the same as the previous year.

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	0
Deaths from other Puerperal causes	0
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	18
13 being males and 5 females (2 illegitimate), giving an *Infant Mortality Rate* of 33.8, compared with 29.6 for the year 1939 and 55 for England and Wales for 1940.	
Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births 30.9	
Death Rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births 133	
Deaths from Cancer	53
being 33 males and 20 females.	
Deaths from Measles	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough	1
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	1

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES during the year 1940.

Disease.	Total Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	15	13	0
Diphtheria	9	9	2
Enteric Fever	2	2	0
Pneumonia	0	0	14
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0
Whooping Cough	96	0	1
Measles	166	0	0

4.—TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	1	...	...	..	1	1
5	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
15	1	1	2	...	...	2	...	...
25	5	2	...	2	2	3	1	...
35	...	2	1	1	3	2	...	...
45	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
55	1	2	...	1	1	...	...	...
65 and upwards	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	11	7	7	4	8	7	2	1

5.—GENERAL REMARKS.

The standard of health of the general public throughout the year has been very good.

Sanitary services have been well maintained, but the need for increased and better drainage and sewage disposal has been emphasised on several occasions.

The various aspects of Civil Defence and other activities associated with the War have demanded a great part of the time and attention of the Council and officials—especially since the area is one frequently subject to " a certain liveliness."

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. HERMON, M.D.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1940.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Haltemprice

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report shewing the work carried out by the Sanitary Department during the year ending December 31st, 1940.

COMPLAINTS.

During the year 196 complaints were received with respect to the following matters :—

Defective and choked condition of house drains	68
„ or absence of ashes receptacles	39
„ privy pails or middens	8
„ roofs	2
Accumulations of refuse or manure	7
Defective and insanitary condition of yards, paths, etc.	12
„ W.C. basins and flushing cisterns	6
„ ovens, flues, fireplaces, etc.	12
„ house floors	5
Dampness in walls	12
Defective windows and other woodwork	2
„ eaves, gutters and fall pipes	10
„ sink and bath waste pipes	—
„ wall and ceiling plaster	5
Offensive smells	1
Animals kept in such a state as to be a nuisance	3
Defective pumps	1
Foul cesspools	1
„ ditches	1
Miscellaneous	1
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INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

Number of houses and premises inspected	272
„ „ houses and premises re-inspected ...	331
„ „ miscellaneous visits	363
„ „ visits to works in progress	1,010
„ „ visits to slaughter-houses	186
„ „ „ „ dairies, cowsheds and milkshops	29
„ „ „ „ bakehouses	25
„ „ „ „ schools	3
„ „ „ „ workshops and factories ...	39
„ „ „ *re* cases of infectious disease ...	35
„ „ „ „ disinfect after cases of infectious disease and others... ...	48
„ „ „ „ shops, etc., *re* Food Inspection	212
„ „ „ „ Housing Act, 1936	10
„ „ „ to verminous premises	1
	2,564

NOTICES SERVED.

Informal Notices	234
Statutory Notice under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936	NIL.
Statutory Notices under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	NIL.
Statutory Notice under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936	NIL.
Statutory Notice under Section 92 of the Public Health Act, 1936	NIL.
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SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT.

DRAINS.

Repaired, Cleansed, etc.....	142
New provided	2
Relaid	—
New gullies fixed....	13
New vent shafts fixed	—
Cesspools abolished	—

Water Closets.

New pans fixed....	8
New W.C.'s installed	3
Cisterns repaired	6
New cisterns fixed	—
Floors, roofs and walls repaired or renewed	9
Privies converted to W.C.'s	5
Soil pipes repaired	—
New soil pipes fixed	—

Sinks and Baths.

New provided	2
New waste pipes provided	1
Waste pipes repaired	1

R.W. Pipes.

Repaired	3
Renewed	7

Water Supply.

Wells closed	3
Pumps repaired	1
Water supplies laid on	7
Service pipes repaired	15
Pumps abolished	1

Yard, Paving, etc.

Yards paved	—
Paving repaired	7
Yards cleansed	—

Dust Receptacles.

Provided	42
New privy pails provided	13

Dampness.

Roofs repaired	14
Eaves gutters provided	6
Eaves gutters repaired	2
Walls rendered or pointed	12
Ventilation provided under floors	—

General Repairs, etc.

Walls repaired	18
Windows repaired	40
House floors repaired or renewed	5
Ranges repaired	8
Ceilings repaired	9
Animals removed	3
Accumulations removed	18
Rooms ventilated	4
Wall Plaster repaired	5
Additional Windows provided	1
Doors repaired or renewed	16
Obstructive buildings removed....	—
Premises closed	4
Rooms cleansed	6
Cellars filled in	—
Miscellaneous	1

SHOPS ACT—1934.

Numerous inspections have been made under the above heading, and in one or two instances the Sanitary accommodation provided was found to be unsatisfactory.

The neccessary works required to comply with the Act have now been carried out.

The majority of the Shops in the district are, however, of the small " general " type having dwellings occupied by the proprietors attached.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

		No. Inspected.	No. of Inspections.
(1)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) and the number of inspections made	155	218
(2)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and the number of inspections made	15	32

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .... —

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 23

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 35

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs .... —

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :

(a) By owners .... —

carried forward from 1936 17

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners —

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.... .... —

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices :

(a) By owners .... —

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners —

C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .... —

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .... —

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .... —

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .... —

4. Housing Act, 1936.—Overcrowding.

A.	(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	5
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ...	5
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	31
B.	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	1
C.	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	1
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	8
D.	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	—
E	Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	—

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS.

At the end of the year the Register kept in accordance with the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, shewed the following :

Retail Purveyors of Milk	86
Number of Cowkeepers	59
Number of premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926	70

Bovines	1,171
Sheep	6,532
Pigs	1,627
	9,330

The table below shews the quantity of meat and other foods found on inspection to be diseased, unsound or unfit for human food and which was subsequently surrendered by the owner for destruction :—

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle including Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number inspected	1,171	6,533	1,627
All diseases except Tuberculosis :			
Whole carcases condemned	—	5	6
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	79	56	92
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	6.74%	.93%	6.02%
Tuberculosis only :			
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	61	—	44
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	5.2%	—	2.15%

In addition to the foregoing, the following shews the quantity of other foods also inspected and the amount found to be unsound and unfit for food :—

	Inspected.	Condemned.
Poultry and Game, etc.	12 Rabbits.	12
Made up Meats	600 lbs	242 lbs.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There is no public slaughter-house in the District, and slaughtering is carried out at 19 private slaughter-houses in the District.

These slaughter-houses are classified under the headings of :—

(*a*) Registered
(*b*) Licensed

Registered	4
Licensed	15
	19

The occupiers of the slaughter-houses give written notice of regular slaughtering days and hours as required under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924. Routine meat inspection is carried out. Special notice of intention to slaughter on days other than regular slaughter days is forwarded to the Health Departments.

The slaughter-houses, lairs and yards have been found to be sanitary and clean at all times. Periodical lime washing of slaughter-houses and lairs is carried out.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The total number of Factories and Workplaces now on the Register is :—

Factories (power)	44
Factories (no power)	30
Workplaces	—
	74

The Sanitary Conveniences in connection with the above were found to be satisfactory, with the exception of one case and here new conveniences were provided.

HOUSE REFUSE AND NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The scavenging of the district has been carried out satisfactorily, and few complaints were received during the year, but despite this the service requires overhauling, and the Council have adopted a scheme for the improvement of the methods of collection and disposal.

The collection of house refuse and nightsoil in the Cottingham Ward is carried out by Contract, whilst the remainder of the area is done by direct labour using mechanical transport for the Central Ward and horse-drawn vehicles for Hessle.

All house refuse in the 3 Wards is disposed of in the following manner :—

COTTINGHAM WARD	—	Controlled tipping into the Cross Roads Pit, Cottingham.
CENTRAL	,,	Controlled tipping at the Riplingham Cross Roads tip.
HESSLE	,,	Controlled tipping on tip near the Humber Bank.

The Council propose to adopt a scheme for using direct labour scavenging of the Cottingham Ward. This will commence at the expiration of the present contract.

All the above tipping sites are in open areas at considerable distances from populated areas and have proved satisfactory.

With regard to the nightsoil collected, this is disposed of to the market gardeners in the district for manuring purposes.

DISINFECTION.

Disinfections were carried out at premises after every case of Infectious Disease, and bedding, etc., was, by special arrangements, disinfected at the Hull Corporation's Disinfecting Station.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HILARY STEELE,
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1940.

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females.
1 Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	....	....
2 Cerebro-spinal fever	2	1
3 Scarlet fever	....	....
4 Whooping cough	....	1
5 Diphtheria	....	....
6 Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...	8	7
7 Other forms of tuberculosis....	2	1
8 Syphilitic diseases	2	1
9 Influenza	3	2
10 Measles	....	....
11 Ac. polio-myel. and polio-enceph.	....	....
12 Ac. inf. enceph.	1	....
13 Cancer of b. cav. and œsoph. (M) uterus (F)	4	2
14 Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...	10	1
15 Cancer of breast	....	7
16 Cancer of all other sites	19	10
17 Diabetes	....	1
18 Intra-cran. vasc. lesions	18	21
19 Heart disease....	34	31
20 Other diseases of circ. sys.	5	3
21 Bronchitis	1	4
22 Pneumonia	7	7
23 Other respiratory diseases	3	1
24 Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	4	2
25 Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	1	....
26 Appendicitis	....	2
27 Other digestive diseases	4	6
28 Nephritis	8	4
29 Puer. and post-abort. sepsis	....	....
30 Other maternal causes	....	....
31 Prem. birth	5	....
32 Con. mal. birth inj. infant. dis.	2	3
33 Suicide	1	1
34 Road traffic acc.	1	1
35 Other violent causes....	9	2
36 All other causes	13	7
All Causes	167	129
Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Total	13	5
Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Legitimate	12	4
Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Illegitimate	1	1
Live Births .... — Total	261	271
Live Births .... — Legitimate	254	263
Live Births .... — Illegitimate	7	8
Still-Births .... — Total	10	8
Still-Births .... — Legitimate	9	8
Still-Births .... — Illegitimate	1	....
Resident Population	31,970	
Comparability Factor	1.04	